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SUBJ: ME: SYRIAN LINE

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1. SYG WALDHEIM TOLD ME NOV 16 THAT SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASAD HAD BEEN MUCH LESS RIGID IN CONVERSATIONS WITH GUYER THAN SYRIAN FONOFF REPS HAD BEEN. ASAD HAD SAID HE THOUGHT IT NECESSARY WITH RESPECT TO SC RES 338 TO HAVE "GLOBAL APPROACH", ALTHOUGH PARTIAL SOLUTION COULD BE ENVIRSAGED IN CONTEXT WITH WIDER SETTLEMENT.

2. ASAD DID NOT THINK ISRAELI "OFFER" REALLY SERIOUS. ON 6 OCT ISRAELI FORCES HAD HELD ONE OBSERVER POST ON M5. HERMAN. THIS HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY SYRIANS AND ONLY RETAKEN BY ISRAELIS AFTER RPT AFTER OCT 22. ASAD HAD SUGGESTED THAT PARTIES RETURN TO OCT 6 LINE "WHICH WOULD BE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO BOTH." THIS WOULD MEAN THE RETENTION OF POST ON MT. HERMAN BY ISRAELIS. SYRIANS WERE READY TO HAND OVER "THE OTHER TWO MT. HERMAN POSTS" TO UN OBSERVER FORCES.

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3. WALDHEIM THOUGHT IT ESPECIALLY INTERESTING THAT ASAD HAD SAID HE WOULD BE READY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON PRISONERS OF WAR EXCHANGE IF OCT 6 CEASEFIRE LINE ACCEPTED. GUYER HAD REPORTED ASKING ASAD WHETHER HE MEANT ACTUAL RETURN

TO OCT 6 LINE OR MERELY DECLARATION OF INTENT. ASAD HAD ANSWERED THAT DECLARATION OF INTENT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT AND NEGOTIATIONS COULD THEN PROCEED ON HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS.

4. ASAD HAD TAKEN INITIATIVE TO DENY ISRAELI CONTENTIONS THAT SYRIANS NOT TREATING PRISONERS OF WAR HUMANELY. HE COMPLAINED OF ISRAELI TREATMENT OF SYRIAN PRISONERS.

5. WALDHEIM EXPRESSED OPINION 6 OCT LINE MIGHT NOT BE BAD DEAL FOR ISRAELIS AS IT WOULD GIVE THEM HIGHEST GROUND OF GOLAN HEIGHTS IN EXCHANGE FOR TERRAIN OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE SUBSEQUENTLY TAKEN.

6. WALDHEIM SAID HE DID NOT YET HAVE REPORT OF GUYER'S TALKS WITH MRS. MEIR AND KEDRON BUT WOULD FILL ME IN WHEN HE COULD. HE HAD SEEN EBAN LATE NOV 15 BUT EBAN HAD NOT WISHED TO PREEMPT MRS. MEIR.
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